



## NEW RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## New Ramp Metering Will Improve Traffic Flow for Motorists on I-280 in Downtown San Jose

**Santa Clara County**—Caltrans today announced it has completed the first phase of a \$5.5 million project to activate a new series of ramp metering lights along Interstate 280 in Santa Clara County. Ramp Meters improve safety; enhance mobility and addresses freeway congestion by controlling traffic demand so freeway capacity is not exceeded. The new ramp metering system is a collaborative effort among Caltrans, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission to facilitate faster and more reliable travel time along this corridor.

The first phase includes on-ramps on southbound Interstate 280 in between Menker Avenue and Eleventh Street in San Jose will be completed in May, 2012. Caltrans will complete the second phase of new ramp metering lights along northbound Interstate 280 in early fall, 2012.

Caltrans staff will deploy "Metering Begins" signs and rest the meters on "green" starting May, 23 during the evening commute Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on southbound Interstate 280 from Menker Avenue to Eleventh Street. Full ramp metering begins on May 30, 2012 in the southbound direction of Interstate 280. One vehicle per green will be permitted to enter into the freeway at the metered on-ramps, except at the connector on-ramp from northbound SR-87 to southbound Interstate 280 which will allow two (2) vehicles per green.

Caltrans expects the ramp metering system to improve travel times during the peak periods of heavy traffic along the corridor. Newly activated ramp locations are expected to experience delays during the first few days of operation. Caltrans staff will monitor the metered on-ramps and make adjustments as they fine-tune the metering operations.

The Ramp Metering Information Line number is 510-286-4531

